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THE Court here appears to be under a great Conſternation, upon the Accounts they receive both from Valencia and Arragon, of the Diſpoſition of the Inhabitants in thoſe Parts to embrace the King of Spain's Intereſt, which they do with great Willingneſs upon the Appearance of any of his Majeſty's Forces: And there is Reaſon to believe, that the whole Nation in general is diſpoſed to follow their Example, as ſoon as his Catholick Majeſty ſhall have got together a ſufficient Body of Troops to ſupport and protect them from the Power of France, whoſe Tyranny and Oppreſſion is grown intolerable to the Spaniards, and has very much encreaſed their natural Antipathy to that Nation. By the laſt Letters from Valencia we have an Account, That a Body of the Natives of the Country, who have declared for their natural Prince, being come before Gandia, the Inhabitants, and the Gariſon, which conſiſted chiefly of a Detachment of the Catalan Regiment of Horſe commanded by Colonel Nabot, readily opened their Gates to them and declared for King Charles III. the Duke of Gandia, who perſiſts in the French Intereſt, narrowly eſcaping out of their Hands; And that the reſt of that Regiment, with their Colonel, who had been left to block up Denia, had done the like; which has very much ſtrengthened his Catholick Majeſty's Intereſt in thoſe Parts, and encouraged ſeveral other Places to declare for him. The Colonel above-named has three Brothers in his Majeſty's Service, who are in great Credit among the Inhabitants of Arragon, and have formed a conſiderable Party there for the Catholick King. Upon theſe Advices, Orders have been ſent to the French Troops which are coming from Eſtramadura towards Arragon to haſten their March; but their Numbers are ſmall; and the Example of the Catalan Regiment above-mentioned, as well as of the Spaniards that were in Gariſon at Barcelona, and other Places, who took the firſt Opportunity of embracing his Catholick Majeſty's Intereſt, and entring into his Service, renders our Court very unwilling to rely much upon any Forces they can raiſe in this Kingdom. The Duke of Anjou has therefore thought fit, in this melancholly Poſture of his Affairs, to put off his Departure to the Frontiers till the middle of the next Month; and it will probably be further delayed, till he has received ſuch Succours from France as may enable him to make head againſt his Catholick Majeſty's Forces. The Biſhop of Oſma being lately dead, the Duke of Anjou has appointed Don Andres de Soto, one of the Sovereign Tribunal of the Inquiſition, to ſucceed him in that Biſhoprick.

Augsbourg, December 24. The Pruſſian Horſe which lately returned from Italy is put into Quarters of Refreſhment in the Neighbourhood of this Place, and about Aicha. Since the retaking of Kelheim from the Bavarian Malecontents, the Imperialiſts have ſent from thence a Detachment of 500 Granadiers, and 200 Horſe, to reinforce the Gariſon of Straubingen. We hear that the Malecontents are marching to attack Munich; but that Colonel de Wendt is marched thither with a conſiderable Reinforcement of Imperial Troops; and that the Gariſon are upon their Guard, and are very well provided with all things neceſſary for their Defence.

Ratisbon, Dec. 28. On the 24th Inſtant a Body of Imperial Troops embarked at Straubingen, which were to fall down the Danube as far as Vilſhoven, with intent to retake that Place from the Malecontents, and to endeavour to clear the Country thereabouts of their Troops. Another Detachment has been ſent to Landſhut, to reinforce the Imperial Gariſon there. We hear that ſeveral Regiments of the Duke of Wirtemberg's Forces, two of the Elector Palatine's, and as many of thoſe of the Circle of Franconia, are marching to Bavaria, in order to join the Emperor Troops in that Country; which, with this Aſſiſtance, will, we hope, be able to put a ſpeedy end to the Inſurrection there. The Imperial Gariſon at Munich is ſaid to be 4000 ſtrong; and we have a Report, that the Malecontents attempting lately to ſurpriſe that Place, the Gariſon ſallied out upon them, and gave them a total Defeat, the greateſt part of them having been either killed or taken Priſoners.

Francfort, Dec. 30. Prince Lewis of Baden is now at Raſtadt; and all things continue very quiet on our Frontiers. The French Gariſon of Fort Louis being ſo cloſely blocked up by our Forces which are quartered on that ſide, that all manner of Supplies are cut off from them, begin to be ſo much ſtreightened for want of Proviſions, that they attempted lately to ſend out all uſeleſs Perſons, to make their Stores laſt the longer; but upon Notice thereof a Party of our Troops advanced before the Town, and forced thoſe who were come out to return into the Place. Several Regiments are marching from the Upper Rhine to Bavaria,

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